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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. ISRAEL: LABOR DEBATES THE "END OF WAR FORMULA"

ON THE EVE OF ALLON'S VISIT TO THE US, THE ISRAELI POLITICAL SCENE IS DOMINATED BY THE INTERNAL LABOR PARTY DEBATE ON THE "END OF WAR FORMULA" AND EFFORTS TO STABILIZE RABIN'S DOMESTIC STANDING. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT:

--LABOR MODERATES HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FORMULA, AND RABIN HAS THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO CARRY OUT THE EXPLORATORY PROCESS EMBODIED IN THE FEBRUARY 22 CABINET DECISION.

--MRS. MEIR'S RETURN TO THE PARTY LEADERSHIP FORUM HAS EVOKED CONCERN FROM THE MODERATE CAMP, BUT THE MOVE SEEMS LIKELY TO HELP RABIN HOLD THE PARTY TOGETHER

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UNTIL THE CONVENTION.

--ALLON'S CONTINUED EXCLUSION WILL ADD TO TENSIONS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND RABIN AND STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF HARDLINERS OPPOSED TO WEST BANK WITHDRAWALS.

--THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS ARE PREDICTABLY EXERCISED OVER THE US INTENTION TO SELL ARMS TO EGYPT, AND ALLON WILL PROBABLY HARP HEAVILY ON THIS THEME.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE CURRENT PHASE IS A WAITING PERIOD DURING WHICH BOTH LABOR FACTIONS ARE SEEKING TO MARSHAL THEIR FORCES FOR THE SHOWDOWN OVER CONCESSIONS ON GOLAN AND THE WEST BANK. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 1732, 3/9.)

## 2. ASAD: STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IS NEWEST CONSPIRACY

IN A MARCH 8 SPEECH, PRESIDENT ASAD WARNED SYRIANS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST THE NEW CONSPIRACY OF STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY AIMED AT "ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY." ACCORDING TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS, ASAD CASTIGATED THE EGYPTIANS FOR:

--ABANDONING THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND BENEFITING FROM PERIPHERAL ARAB DISPUTES (I.E., EGYPTIAN CRITICISM OF JORDAN FOR VIOLATING THE RABAT SUMMIT BY RECONVENING ITS PARLIAMENT); AND

--PLAYING UP THE LEBANESE CRISIS AS A MEAN OF PLAYING DOWN CRITICISM OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ASAD PRESUMABLY INTENDED THAT HIS INDICTMENT OF A PLAN FOR ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY BLOCK FURTHER PURSUIT OF ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY. WE DO NOT RECALL SUCH HARSH WORDS ABOUT EGYPT (SADAT WAS LARGELY SPARED) IN ASAD'S PREVIOUS STATEMENTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) DAMASCUS 1345, 3/9.)

## 3. RHODESIA: THE POINT OF NO RETURN?

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MARK CHONA HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI THAT MARCH 10 MARKS THE END OF ANY POSSIBILITY FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND THAT AFTER THAT DATE MAJORITY RULE WILL BE PRESSED ON SMITH BY FORCE OF ARMS. CHONA ADDED:

--WAR PREPARATIONS BY THE GUERRILLAS ARE WELL ADVANCED, AND THE GOZ HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR MILITARY ABILITY.

--BY MARCH 10 THE BULK OF THE GUERRILLA FORCES WILL HAVE MOVED INTO RHODESIA, AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO TURN THEM BACK FROM THEIR MISSION.

--IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPLICIT DENIAL, THE USG WILL BE SEEN AS HELPING THE SMITH REGIME PSYCHOLOGICALLY BY ITS PUBLIC CONDEMNATIONS OF AGGRESSION AS A MEANS OF SETTLING THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE MARCH 10 DATE SHOULD BE TAKEN TOO LITERALLY AS THE DAY ON WHICH ALL-OUT GUERRILLA WAR WILL BE LAUNCHED. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MAY BE LOST, BUT WE DOUBT THAT EITHER NKOMO OR SMITH IS PREPARED TO ADMIT FAILURE NOW THAT SOME HOPE OF A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN RAISED. (CONFIDENTIAL) LUSAKA 590, 3/9.)

#### 4. ANGOLA: FEARS OF CUBAN-SOVIET ENTRENCHMENT

AN ICRC OFFICIAL TOLD US MISSION GENEVA MARCH 9 THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO LUANDA SOME MPLA LEADERS HAD SHOWN CONCERN OVER INDICATIONS OF PROLONGED CUBAN ENTRENCHMENT IN ANGOLA. THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER NASCIMENTO AND THE FINANCE AND HEALTH MINISTERS WERE ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH ACTIVE WESTERN TIES TO COUNTERBALANCE THE SOVIET-CUBAN MENACE. (SECRET) US MISSION GENEVA 1794, 3/9.)

#### 5. PORTUGAL: SOCIALISTS BRUSH OFF COMMUNIST OVERTURES

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT DESPITE COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO WOO THE SOCIALISTS, SOARES AND OTHER PARTY LEADERS HAVE  
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MADE IT CLEAR THEY WILL NOT BE FORCED INTO AN ELECTION ALLIANCE WITH THE PCP. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY, THE COMMUNIST RUSH TO COURT THE PS HAS TWO POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES:

--TO THE DEGREE IT HOPES TO PRESENT A "UNITED FRONT FROM BELOW," THE PCP HOPES TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOCIALISTS TO TAP ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT.

--IF THE PCP COULD MAKE A GOOD SHOWING IN THE ELECTION, IT MIGHT LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR POST-ELECTION COOPERATION WITH THE SOCIALISTS.

MEANWHILE, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE FOUND THEIR PLANS COMPLICATED BY ANTAGONISTIC FAR LEFT MAOIST PARTIES, WHOSE DIVISIVE MANEUVERS PCP CHIEF CUNHAL CLAIMS HAVE SERVED THE

INTERESTS OF THE RIGHT. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 1501, 3/7.)

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